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SUBJ: TESTIMONY BEFORE UN FACT FINDING COMMISSION

FOR AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH FROM THOMPSON

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR, AS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HAS TRANSMITTED REQUEST FROM UN FACT FINDING COMMISSION HEAD ILLUECA THAT ALL CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN COTONOU ATTEND SESSION FEBRUARY 21 IN ORDER PROVIDE THEIR OWN ACCOUNTS OF JANUARY 16 ATTACK. CONSENSUS OF MAJORITY OF OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION IS THAT THEY SHOULD ATTEND SESSION IF ONLY TO DEPRIVE BENINESE OF OPPORTUNITY TO BLAME A COUNTRY BY EQUATING ABSENCE WITH COMPLICITY IN AFFAIR. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAS PROPOSED THAT ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION ATTEND AS A BODY AND INSIST ON BEING PRESENT IF ANY TESTIMONY IS GIVEN. OTHER MISSION HEADS HAVE AGREED TO THIS SUGGESTION IN PRINCIPLE BUT NOT TO POINT OF BOYCOTTING HEARING IF COMMISSION WANTS TO SPEAK TO INDIVIDUALS ONE BY ONE. TO DATE, ONLY CHINESE HAVE FLATLY REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN PROCEEDINGS.

2. UNLESS DEPARTMENT SEES REASON WHY US SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE, I PROPOSE TO ATTEND SESSION WITH OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21. SINCE I WAS ABSENT DURING COUP ATTEMPT, MY ATTENDANCE WOULD MERELY BE AN ACTE DE PRESENCE.

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